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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR HUNGARIAN HARVEST

REF: BUDAPEST 1790

1. IN ADDITION TO CLOUDING THE OUTLOOK FOR HUNGARY'S GRAIN CROPS, THE UNSEASONABLY COLD, RAINY AND WINDY WEATHER OF MAY AND JUNE HAS ALSO APPARENTLY DONE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THIS YEAR'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROPS. PEACHES, APRICOTS, APPLES, TOMATOES, AND EVEN PAPRIKA ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND EXPORTS OF PEACHES, SUMMER APPLES AND PEARS HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED IN ORDER TO INSURE TO HELP EASE THIS SHORTAGE. IN ADDITION, THE QUALITY OF THIS YEAR'S FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE SAID TO BE INFERIOR TO LAST YEAR.

2. A RECENT REPORT STATES THAT THE UNSEASONABLE WEATHER HAS CAUSED AN ESTIMATED 700 MILLION FORINTS WORTH OF DAMAGE TO ALL CROPS DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR. DAMAGE CAUSED BY FROST WAS SET BY INSURANCE EXPERTS AT 300 MILLION FORINTS WHILE THE LOSS AS A RESULT OF FLOODS IN THE AREA BORDERING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TISZA RIVER IS PRELIMINARILY ESTIMATED TO BE \$330

MILLION WITH FINAL RESULTS NOT YET IN.

3. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF HIGH TEMPERATURES AND SUNSHINE  
LAST WEEKEND THE WORK TO HARVEST THIS YEAR'S GRAIN CROP  
HAS BEGUN IN EARNEST. THIS YEAR'S GRAIN CROP IS REPORTED  
TO HAVE A HIGH MOISTURE CONTENT OF BETWEEN 15-22 PERCENT  
NECESSITATING LARGE SCALE DRYING EFFORT.  
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